

HARDING CALLS ON BRYAN FOR HIS PEACE PROPOSALS

Ex-Secretary of State First of Former Democratic Officials To Be Called Into Conference by President-Elect.

MARION, Ohio, Dec. 17.—William Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state under President Wilson, and for many years an earnest advocate of world peace, was called into consultation today by President-elect Harding regarding the plan for an association of nations.

The first former official of the Democratic administration to be summoned to the White House, Mr. Bryan brought a fund of special knowledge by virtue of his experience in negotiating more than a score of arbitration treaties while he was head of the department of state. It was understood that these treaties constituted one of the principal subjects of Mr. Harding's inquiries.

Recently another former secretary, Elihu Root, suggested that arbitration treaties throughout the world might be amended so that all justiciable questions between nations would be referred to the new league of nations court rather than to temporary arbitration boards.

The possibility of making such amendments in the American treaties, Mr. Bryan was in position to give first-hand information.

The Bryan treaties also have been discussed many times as furnishing in themselves a basis for reaching a world agreement in the interest of peace.

A proposal that nations bind themselves not to go to war except by vote of the people has been another of the subjects of Mr. Harding's inquiries.

Mr. Bryan has considered it in his conferences here. It is assumed that he will speak from the same platform at a Presbyterian church rally here.

Fall Down Shaft May Prove Fatal To Arkansas Lad

Bryant Grisham, age 9, son of J. H. Grisham, Parkin, Ark., fell several stories through the freight elevator shaft at Goldsmith's department store Friday at noon and received injuries that may prove fatal. He was rushed to Baptist hospital in the Spencer company's ambulance where examination showed him to be suffering from internal injuries.

The lad, with his mother and sister, came to Memphis Friday to do Christmas shopping. While at the Goldsmith store he wandered too near the elevator shaft and in some way fell through.

His pictures will be made later Friday, hospital attaches said, to determine extent of the lad's injuries. He was only semiconscious when taken to the hospital.

PROPOSE WAGE CUT TO BOOST BUILDING

EASTLAND, Texas, Dec. 17.—Claiming that the high wage scale here was retarding building activities and development, leading building contractors at a meeting here today and the following proposed for a reduced scale, and requested labor leaders to accept the reduction.

Reduce carpenters' pay from \$10 to \$8 a day; bricklayers, \$12.50 to \$10; painters, \$10 to \$8; electricians, \$10 to \$8; plumbers, \$12.50 to \$10; common labor, 6 to 4; molar makers, \$8 to \$5; cement finishers, \$12 to \$10; plasterers, \$12 to \$10, and lathers, \$10 to \$8. The unions have not acted on the proposition.

Foreign Bank Is Being Organized

Dwight M. Armstrong, vice-president of the Commercial Trust and Savings bank, left Memphis Thursday night for New Orleans, where he is engaged Friday in the permanent organization meeting of the Federal Foreign Finance corporation.

Mr. Armstrong was appointed a member of the committee on permanent meeting held in New Orleans in November.

Subscription books close Friday. Although no tabulation has been made of the subscriptions of the various Southern states, enough is known to justify the statement that the total is well over the \$5,000,000 set as a minimum capitalization at the outset.

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Although the house was thoroughly ransacked, police say, thieves who entered the home of Mrs. J. M. Harlan, 313 South Parkway, Tuesday night, failed to take anything but two women's suits. Entrance was gained through a rear window.

BREAD CUT 2 CENTS.

(By International News Service.) PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 17.—National and city bakers here announced a 2-cent cut in the price of bread in all sizes. Big loaves are cut 10 to 15 cents and small loaves to 10 cents.

Monk Leaves Monastery At Heart's Call

Renounces Vows for Romance After Twenty Years in Kentucky Trappist Home.

BY MILDRED MORRIS. (International News Service Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—After spending 20 years as a celibate in self-denial and prayer, James C. Biddle found life without romance as barren as the walls of the monastery which held him.

As he sat with his bride two days, blissfully happy, Biddle, a former Trappist monk, today described the yearning in him behind monastery walls for freedom to live according to the dictates of the heart.

Biddle, a member of the prominent Philadelphia family of that name, is 50 years old, and his bride, formerly Miss Mary Lena Gaines, of Warrenton, Ore., is 48.

"A man is never too old to follow the golden rule of romance," said the former monk. "The love that comes to a man late in life is sometimes the most beautiful of all love."

Biddle was 28 when he entered the Trappist monastery in Kentucky. A member of the high Episcopal church, he became a convert to Catholicism.

"After 20 years I renounced my vows, unable to reconcile myself any longer to religion without freedom," he said.

"The love of God is the highest love, but life is incomplete without the love between man and woman. Every man must have the right to follow the dictates of his heart."

"I know that some of my fellow monks were as unhappy as I. To me it seemed a greater sin to remain in the monastery yearning for freedom than to renounce my vows. Now I know complete happiness."

Biddle has returned to the Episcopal church and may become a clergyman of that faith.

He and his bride will live at Paradise, the bride's old home near Warrenton, Ore.

"And it will be a real Paradise to us," said Biddle today, telling of his new life.

The bride is the daughter of the late Judge William Gaines, a member of a well-known Virginia family. Biddle met her shortly after leaving the monastery.

He is the son of the late Thomas Biddle, former minister to Ecuador.

Asked whether he had been in love before he took his vows as a monk, Biddle answered:

"That is something I don't wish to discuss."

TREND OF CRIME SHOWS INCREASE AMONG HOLDUPS

The trend of crime is changing in Memphis. The number of holdups and cases of purse snatching in Memphis in November, 1920, increased more than 100 per cent over the same month last year, according to police records.

There were more than four times as many cases of losses through pickpockets this November than last year. The report shows that there were more robberies, and cases of larceny of all kinds fell off considerably.

Figures given out follow:

House Robbery—November, 1919, 120; November, 1920, 41.

Store Robbery—November, 1919, 120; November, 1920, 17.

Larceny—November, 1919, 136; November, 1920, 73.

Holdups and purse snatching—November, 1919, 12; November, 1920, 29.

Pickpocketing—November, 1919, 3; November, 1920, 12.

ROBS IN OVERALLS.

A lone highwayman, wearing overalls, held up a C. R. Hughes, 11 Morningstar park, late Thursday night at Madison avenue and the Speedway. He held a pistol on Hughes, with one hand and searched him with the other, taking \$5 and valuable papers.

BANDITS CONFESS.

Theodore Hurd and Frank Ford, "black and tan" negro bandits, confessed to Detective Sergeant Pat Horan that they had committed four robberies here recently.

They were the first of two watches from A. Graves, jeweler; the theft of a suit of clothing from Sam Covick, 366 South Main street; and the theft of \$20 in gold coins and the Lerner Loan Co., 174 Beale avenue.

DRAWS KNIFE; SHOT.

When L. H. Harris, negro, living at 595 Georgia avenue, drew a knife on Jim Zimmerman, West Parkway, Thursday Zimmerman shot the negro in the side. Zimmerman came to police headquarters and surrendered. He was charged with shooting with intent to kill, but later was released on bond.

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NOTE IN GLOVE STARTS SEARCH FOR GIRL OF 18

Authorities Seek Missing Young Woman on Islands Said To Be Rendezvous of Whisky Runners.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 17.—A search of deserted summer cottages and hunting lodges on islands in the lower Detroit river was begun by police today in an effort to find Miss Mary E. Caldwell, who disappeared Wednesday night. Search of the islands was decided upon after one of the girl's gloves, containing a note from her, had been picked up in a boat near the river. The note said she was about to be "taken away" by four men in a boat.

The attention of the authorities was centered upon the unfrequented islands recently by stories that bands of rum runners had taken up headquarters there.

Miss Caldwell, 18 years of age, came here from the South several months ago.

SHARE THOSE GOOD XMAS THINGS WITH CHILDREN OF WANT

Suppose Your Loved Ones Had to Write the Goodfellows for Yuletide Cheer?—Remember What Stingy Means

BY A. GOODFELLOW.

There appeared in the newspapers only a few days ago an item from a little town in West Tennessee not far distant saying that a man had been charged with the charge that he stole a doll and doll dress from the general store of that place. The man admitted his guilt. He said that he took the doll and dress because his 8-year-old daughter would have had no Christmas. A flaw in the indictment resulted in his dismissal.

Can you imagine that father taking a doll that his little girl might not miss a visit by Santa Claus? He admitted it saying that cotton conditions were such that his purse was empty and rather than see the child disappointed Christmas he ventured to take something that did not belong to him.

Any ordinary business man, men who are sure to provide Christmas for your kiddies, suppose you were placed in that man's position? Here comes a man who is a member of the Goodfellows and he is very likely with such a feeling for the keeping of childish faith he has subscribed to the Goodfellows when times were good.

Christmas Carries Sorrow.

Think a moment, Goodfellows, place yourself in his position. Or this, suppose your loved ones were forced to write to the Santa Claus club? Do you know that Christmas is a day of tears? Do you know that it brings sorrow instead of joy to the homes of many? Do you know that instead of the rejoicing that is certain to be yours that with hundreds here the Yuletide means nothing but a craving for a better condition that is hopeless, for the things that are denied?

Memphis is in a deplorable condition this year. First the influenza epidemic, then the thousands of children of want who will be forgotten unless those of you who have enjoyed a bumper year just simply kick in to the Goodfellows. Yet another condition that is far more depressing looms. There are those whose purse strings could not be loosed, other looms, the class of flinty-hearted which can only be classified by the expressive word, stingy.

Stingy none of you who have not enlisted to be called Santa. Not only that, remember that the best of all things is to share with someone in empty homes where life has been cast on you.

Do it now. Help keep the faith. Let's get together and see to it that there is no empty stocking in Memphis or in this territory this Christmas. Join the Santa Claus Club. Send that check to me at The News-Scimitar.

"Dear Goodfellows: Mother and daddy say that Santa Claus is coming to see me but there are little boys and girls who Santa will not see unless we help you to see them. I am sending you \$5 of my Christmas money and want you to see that Santa Claus sees all little boys and girls."

The Traffic club Friday lined up with the Santa Claus club by forwarding a \$25 check with the following communication:

To encourage and assist the Goodfellows club in dispensing good cheer and charity the Traffic club wishes to assist to the extent of \$25 unconditionally agreed upon by the governing board."

"Dear Mr. Goodfellow: For several years our day has sent you money in our name, but this year we are sending some of our own money and also some from daddy and our grandmother."

Written in a childish hand that letter reached my desk from Martha Matthews and John Berry McFerrin, of Collierville, Tenn. They enclosed \$10.

Don't forget that tonight is the night for the Goodfellows concert to be given by the Layne & Bowler band. A rare treat is promised. The concert will take place at the Knights of Columbus hall on Jefferson, near third.

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N. Y. CRIME WAVE STARTS HIGH PRICES COM MITTEE PLAN

Armed Thugs Kill Several in Daring Holdups That Net Million in Six Weeks—Arrests Few.

(By International News Service.) NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—With the metropolis experiencing the most violent series of robberies and holdups in many years, a movement was afoot today for establishment of vigilance committees to give greater protection to life and property.

Upon the heels of the daring robbery and murder of a fifth avenue jeweler whose place was looted of \$50,000 in gems, came the slaying early today of Floyd Horton, a police lieutenant, who attempted to capture some automobile bandits at 14th street and Broadway.

One of the bandits had entered an apartment house, robbed the elevator man, but fled when kicked on the shin by tenants, after firing one shot. He jumped into a taxicab pursued by several civilians, when Horton, on his way in civilian dress, jumped on the running board of the taxi and ordered the men to stop. The reply was a bullet sent under his heart which caused his death.

The bandits escaped.

Horton told detectives shortly before he died there were three men and a woman in the automobile he tried to halt. The woman, he said, was sitting in front with the driver. Horton said when he emptied his revolver into the car he saw the woman drop.

A general alarm was sent out by police today asking hospitals for prompt reports on any woman receiving treatment for pistol wounds.

More than \$1,000,000 in cash, jewelry and bonds have been stolen by the armed thugs in Greater New York during the last six weeks, records show. In many of the robberies there have been no arrests.

The slaying of Volin W. Andrews, manufacturing jeweler in his eighth floor office on Fifth avenue, caused the Sterling Silver Manufacturers' association to adopt resolutions condemning the wave of crime and appealing to Gov. Smith and Mayor Hylan for greater protection and calling upon citizens to form vigilance committees.

GOVERNOR MAKES THREAT TO USE GUN ON EDITOR

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Dec. 17.—In an open letter given out today, Gov. Sidney J. Catts of Florida threatens to go to West Palm Beach, Fla., with his "double-barrel shotgun loaded with buckshot" to "make a final settlement" with Joe L. Earman, president of the state board of health and publisher of the Palm Beach Post, a daily newspaper.

The chief executive stated in his letter that he does not want "any trouble" with Mr. Earman, but that he is tired of his "arrogance, egotism and his stick business."

The letter from Gov. Catts follows publication by Mr. Earman in his paper of an article which the chief executive characterized as "page and a half of vituperations and bitterness" against him "on account of" retaining Dr. Thompson "state attorney at West Palm Beach."

Gov. Catts writes that he is "not mad" with Mr. Earman and that he is "not going to remove" him from office but stated: "I am not going to let you rule and boss me at your whim and pleasure. I am a man and stand in a man's place and I do not run away from any West Palm Beachers when they hang me in effigy as you did when they hung you."

In conclusion he says: "If you publish one more page in your paper like this last one or bother me or my business or my children any more I will go to West Palm Beach, Fla., with my double-barrel shotgun loaded with buckshot and have a final settlement with you."

CHATTANOOGA HAS 18,866 Negroes; Birmingham 70,217

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The negro population of Birmingham, Ala., is 70,217, an increase of 17,912, or 34.2 per cent in the last decade, the census bureau announced today. The white population is 108,562, an increase of 23,193, or 21.7 per cent, and all others 27.

Montgomery, Ala., has 19,526 negroes, an increase of 504, or 2.6 per cent. Its white population is 23,630, an increase of 4,838, or 20.7 per cent, and all others 27.

The negro population of Chattanooga is 18,866, an increase of 824, or 4.4 per cent. The white population is 39,024, an increase of 12,884, or 33.0 per cent, and all others 5.

Prisoner Confesses He Slew Old Man For Coin

TRIO HELD FOR DEATH OF RAILROADER



SIM E. HARVIELL, The confessed slayer.



BERTIE (BRONCHO) TIGER, The woman in the case.



PHILLIP RAY PAYNE, The man who told.

Mayor Is Urged To Keep Goodman On Park Board

Record as Reason for Reappointment—At Work on Big Projects.

With Mayor Payne facing the problem of appointing a park commissioner to succeed Abs. Goodman, whose term expired Nov. 4, friends of Mr. Goodman are making a strong effort to have him named to succeed himself.

Mr. Goodman's record is cited by his friends as furnishing ample justification for their claim that he is the logical man for the position and should be retained on the commission. Mr. Goodman, himself, is making no campaign for the place, but he is understood to be willing to serve if he is reappointed.

It is pointed out in the first place, that Mr. Goodman is now, and has always been, in entire harmony with the other two members of the commission, J. T. Williamson and A. L. Parker. Mr. Williamson is chairman and Mr. Goodman vice-chairman of the commission.

In a general way, Mr. Goodman's value to the board has consisted in his watch over the treasury. According to Louis M. DeSaussure, secretary of the commission, Goodman has never been willing to pass any appropriation without first knowing all about where it is going. In this way he has kept the commission from spending the taxpayers' money until they are certain of its necessity and the good it will do. He has always insisted on "getting a dollar in value for every dollar spent."

Engaged on Big Work.

Specifically, Mr. Goodman has been prominent in securing many advantages for the parking system, and he is at present engaged on work of a monumental nature, which causes his friends to urge that he is peculiarly fitted to carry on for the next six years.

The proposed outer parkway is a child of Mr. Goodman's brain and he has devoted a great deal of time to working on the project. According to a preliminary survey, this parkway would run east from the southeast corner of Riverside park, beginning at the point where the

BRITISH ARREST FATHER DOMINIC

Was Spiritual Adviser to Terence MacSwiney.

(By International News Service.) DUBLIN, Dec. 17.—The Rev. Father Dominic, personal spiritual adviser to the late Terence MacSwiney, was arrested here today. Another Roman Catholic priest was arrested at the same time, but was later released.

British troops were active throughout the night and morning. They raided two monasteries. It was during the raid upon a monastery that the Rev. Father Dominic was arrested.

(The Rev. Father Dominic was with the late Lord Mayo MacSwiney during the greater part of his hunger strike in Brixton jail. The priest was with the lord mayor when the latter died, and accompanied the MacSwiney family to Ireland to attend the funeral.)

Earthquake Shakes Peking Buildings

(By the Associated Press.) PEKING, Dec. 17.—An earthquake was felt here at 8:20 o'clock last night. The earth tremor rocked buildings and created much excitement in the hotels and clubs.

FIFTEEN HOMES BURN.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 17.—Fire destroyed 15 residences and four buildings at Charley, 15 miles from here, Loss is estimated at \$70,000.

"Hardest Man I Ever Quizzed," Says Chief

Sim E. Harviell Admits He Fired Shot Which Killed B. L. Belote, Aged Flagman, Crime Premeditated.

Harviell, I never heard a man tell of committing a murder with the calmness and reserve the Harviell displayed. He was as cool as the proverbial Turk."

Almost as the last minute of the twenty-fourth hour after the brutal murder of Belote, killed from the detective bureau's clerk Inspector Griffin wound up the case as far as the police department was concerned.

Predict "Chair."

It is the opinion of police and members of the Memphis bar that Harviell can not escape the "chair," his statement, given in detail, with all the gruesome facts, and of his own free will, convinced him of one of the most cold-blooded murders uncovered in Tennessee. In recent years.

A strange angle of the case, which developed Friday, gives rise to the opinion that Belote probably had an intention that he would be robbed in the alley under a stove in Belote's railroad shanty. Wednesday night he was without the money, carrying nothing of value but his watch and

LON SCOTT OPENS FIGHT TO BLOCK GARRETT'S CHANCE

Congressman Elect Protests to Senator Nelson and Other G. O. P. Leaders Against His Confirmation as Judge.

BY JESSE S. COTTRELL. (Special Correspondent of The News-Scimitar.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Accompanied by Congressman Sam R. Gels and J. Will Taylor of Tennessee, Congressman-elect Lon A. Scott, of the Eighth district, late yesterday made good his threat to protest against the confirmation by the senate of Congressman Finis J. Garrett, of the Ninth Tennessee district, for federal judge of the West Tennessee district.

Mr. Scott went upon the floor of the senate with the two Tennessee congressmen, had a long talk with Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota, chairman of the senate judiciary committee, and later saw Senators Curtis of Kansas and Watson of Indiana, leading Republicans on the judiciary committee, and asked that Mr. Garrett's confirmation be held up until he could be heard along with other Republicans of West Tennessee.

He was assured by Senator Nelson that nothing would be done in regard to the matter until every person who desired to be heard in protest had an opportunity. Mr. Scott then had a long conference with Senator Watson, who is one of the G. O. P. national leaders, and it is reported that Senator Watson told him he was stopping and then got in touch with the two present Republican congressmen. He told them that the

Be Goodfellow; Dance At Garden

Goodfellows-Santa Claus club: Gentlemen: Wednesday night, Dec. 22, I will donate the receipts of the Merry Garden ballroom to the Goodfellows-Santa Claus club. I have arranged cards for advertising purposes, have arranged admission cards now on sale, and also details incident to the scheduled dance which I am sure will do much to fill the coffers of the Goodfellows.

Any suggestion that you may have relative to this winter entertainment I will be glad to receive. We have Burke's number one jazz orchestra, which, in my opinion, can furnish the best dance music in the city. Our ballroom, as you no doubt know, is located at Bellevue and Linden.

Attendees have agreed to furnish their services free that evening. Also the musicians have likewise agreed.

Wishing the Santa Claus club every success, beg to remain, Cordially, J. N. TALLEY, Manager the Merry Garden.

EXTEND PINK BOLL WORM QUARANTINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Extension of the pink boll worm quarantine to include the state of New Mexico was announced today at the department of agriculture. The quarantine will affect the movement of lint and seed from Dona Ana county, Texas and Louisiana already are under the quarantine.

The WEATHER NEWS

MEMPHIS METEOROLOGY. Twenty-four hours to noon, Dec. 17, 1920.

Hour: Temperature—Humidity: 7 a.m. yesterday 54 41 24
7 p.m. today 40 33 48
Noon today 41 36 60
Tomorrow 40 39 60
Minimum 40 36 60
Sun sets today 4:51 p.m. Rises tomorrow 7:03 a.m. Moon sets 11:37 p.m. tonight. Precipitation, none.